

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This national stage application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/004849 filed on May 6, 2004, entitled METHOD AND INSTALLATION FOR SECURING ARTICLES BY TIGHTENING STRAPS AROUND THEM, which in turn takes its priority from German Application No. 103 21 687.1 filed on May 14, 2003, and all of whose entire disclosures are incorporated by reference herein.

**SPECIFICATION**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION --.**

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**- -2. DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART- -.**

Please insert the following subtitle after line 13 on page 2:

**- -BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION- -.**

Please insert the following subtitle after line 21 on page 6:

**- -BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS- -**

Please insert the following subtitle after line 6 on page 7:

**- -DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION- -**